

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Jack Wells, on January 18, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jack Wells, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Bob Hawks, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Eve Franklin (D)  
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Mark Bruno, Office of Budget and Program Planning  
Amy Carlson, OBPP  
Alan Peura, Legislative Branch  
Kathy Baird, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Goals and Objectives Budget Hearing: Montana Community Colleges  
Tribal College Assistance  
Program

**Committee Business:**

00:00:05 Chairman Wells

**MEETING WITH MONTANA COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

**Flathead Valley Community College:**

00:01:36 Jane Karas, President, Flathead Valley Community  
College (FVCC)  
00:10:34 Sen. Wanzenried  
00:11:07 Alan Peura, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
00:11:46 Sen. Wanzenried  
00:12:27 Ms. Karas, FVCC  
00:13:14 Sen. Lewis  
00:14:01 Ms. Karas, FVCC  
00:14:54 Rep. Wells  
00:15:25 Ms. Karas, FVCC  
00:16:48 Sen. Hawks  
00:17:15 Ms. Karas, FVCC  
00:18:31 Mark Bruno, Office of Budget and Program Planning  
(OBPP)  
00:19:23 Sen. Wanzenried  
00:19:34 Ms. Karas, FVCC  
00:20:10 Rep. Wells  
00:21:00 Ms. Karas, FVCC

**Dawson Community College:**

00:22:29 Jim Cargill, President, Dawson Community College (DCC)  
00:35:43 Sen. Hawks  
00:36:02 Mr. Cargill, DCC  
00:37:07 Rep. Wells  
00:37:42 Mr. Cargill, DCC

**Miles Community College:**

00:39:49 Stefani Hicswa, President, Miles Community College  
(MCC)

**Committee Budget Discussion on Community Colleges:**

00:43:58 Rep. Wells  
00:46:13 Amy Carlson, Office of Budget and Program Planning  
(OBPP)

**EXHIBIT(jeh12a01)**

00:52:41 Sen. Wanzenried  
00:52:54 Ms. Carlson, OBPP  
00:53:31 Sen. Hawks

00:54:00 Ms. Carlson, OBPP  
00:54:26 Ms. Karas, FVCC  
00:55:26 Alan Peura, LFD  
01:09:14 Sen. Hawks  
01:09:44 Mr. Peura, LFD  
01:14:07 Rep. Wells  
01:15:19 Mark Bruno, OBPP  
01:15:49 Sen. Wanzenried  
01:16:14 Ms. Carlson, OBPP  
01:17:26 Ms. Karas, FVCC  
01:20:19 Ms. Hicswa, MCC  
01:20:56 Sen. Hawks  
01:21:29 Ms. Hicswa, MCC  
01:22:00 Ms. Karas, FVCC

**Public Comment on Community Colleges:**

01:22:50 Bob Mystuen, President, Glacier Bank, Kalispell  
01:28:33 Joe Kola, First Interstate Bank, Whitefish  
01:33:05 Jon Sonju, District 7, Kalispell  
01:34:47 Sarah Sommerfeld, former student, Miles Community  
College  
01:38:38 Ben Reddish, student, Flathead Valley Community College  
**EXHIBIT(jeh12a02)**  
01:43:28 Tom Hanning, member Board of Trustees, Flathead Valley  
Community College  
01:47:27 Tony Brockman, former student, Flathead Valley  
Community College  
01:48:42 Colleen Underrider, School Board Member and parent of  
Flathead Valley Community College student  
01:55:30 Annie Glover, Montana Education Association-Montana  
Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)  
  
01:56:19 Break  
02:16:36 Reconvene

**MEETING ON THE TRIBAL COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**Salish-Kootenai Tribal College:**

02:17:27 Joe McDonald, President, Salish-Kootenai Tribal College  
(SKTC)  
**EXHIBIT(jeh12a03)**

**American Indian/Minority Achievement:**

02:30:06 Ellen Swaney, Director, American Indian/Minority  
Achievement (AIMA)

**EXHIBIT(jeh12a04)**

**EXHIBIT(jeh12a05)**

02:36:21 John Seloway, President, Blackfeet Community College

02:37:11 Carol Murray, Project Director, Blackfeet Community  
College

02:58:55 Caleb Shields, Project Director, Fork Peck Community  
College

03:09:05 Dr. Richard Littlebear, President/Project Director,  
Chief Dull Knife College

03:21:27 Hubert Two Leggins, Project Director, Little Big Horn  
College

03:35:10 Julie Cajune, Project Director, Salish Kootenai College

03:41:45 Melanie Henry, President, Stone Child College

03:42:15 Dr. Matt Herman, Project Director, Stone Child College

**Committee Questions:**

03:52:30 Sen. Hawks

03:53:19 Ellen Swaney, AIMA

03:54:45 Rep. Wells

**ADJOURNMENT**

03:55:30 Adjournment

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REP. JACK WELLS, Chairman

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KATHY BAIRD, Secretary

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Additional exhibits:

**[EXHIBIT\(jeh12a06\)](#)**

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**[EXHIBIT\(jeh12aad.pdf\)](#)**